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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AGREES TO ONSITE INVESTIGATION
BY INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO)

- 1. NICHOLAS VALTICOS, ASST DIRECTOR GENERAL AND ADVISER FOR INTERNATIONAL LABOR STANDARDS INFORMED MISSION APRIL 5 THAT HE WILL GO TO CHILE IN EARLY MAY FOR AN ON-THE-SPOT INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT FOR VIOLATING THE RIGHTS OF TRADE UNIONISTS.
- 2. THE ILO COMMITTEE ON THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION HAS EXAMINED THE CHARGES DURING SEVEN RECENT SITTINGS OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY. THE LATEST SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BODY WHICH ADJOURNED MARCH 3 EXPRESSED ITS REGRETS THAT CHILE HAD SUPPLIED NO FURTHER INFORMATION "CONCERNING MANY PERSONS NAMED AS HAVING BEEN ARRESTED OR HAVING DISAPPEARED".
- 3. VALTICOS SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TRADE UNION LEADERS AND OTHERS WHO MIGHT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHARGES. HE INFORMED LABATT THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC GOC WOULD NOT IMPEDE HIS DIRECT CONTACT INVESTIGATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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